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Washington, D.C. Woman Found Guilty of Manslaughter in Brutal Stabbing Death of Next-Door Neighbor

WASHINGTON - A 27-year-old Northeast District woman, Gloria Tyndle, has been found guilty by a Superior Court jury of manslaughter while armed and related weapons charges in connection with the August 14, 2007 stabbing death of 33-year-old Tameka Hill, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced today.

The jury reached its verdict earlier today, April 6, 2009. Sentencing is scheduled for June 26, 2009, before the Honorable Geoffrey Alprin. The defendant faces a statutory maximum of 30 years in prison on the manslaughter charge and a likely range of 7½ to 15 years of incarceration under the Superior Court Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines.

According to trial testimony, on August 14, 2007, the decedent, her husband, and their two children lived on the second floor of an apartment building located at 1106 21st Place, NE, Washington, D.C. The defendant lived in an apartment two doors away, also on the second floor. On the night of the incident, the defendant knocked on the decedent's door around midnight. The decedent was home with her husband and children. The children were asleep and Ms. Hill and her husband were watching television. The defendant had made similar unannounced, late-night visits in the past, and the victim had told her to stop the practice. The decedent went to the door and once again told the defendant to go away. The defendant returned a short while later and knocked on the door again. The decedent grabbed a stick, went out into the hall with the defendant and got into a fight with her. The decedent's husband heard the women fighting and went into the hall to break up the fight. The husband was successful in his efforts and the defendant went back into her apartment.

When the decedent's husband went into the hallway, their apartment door closed behind him and locked the decedent and her husband out. The decedent and her husband went to neighbors on the third floor to seek help getting back into their apartment. Witnesses saw the defendant peeking out of her apartment as the decedent and her husband were on the third floor. At one point the decedent went back to her floor and the defendant attacked her in the hallway with a six-inch kitchen knife. Tyndle seriously cut the victim on

her right arm, cut her left wrist and plunged the knife five inches into the victim's chest. The medical examiner testified that the wounds on the arms were consistent with defensive wounds. She also testified that the stab wound to the chest cut directly through the decedent's heart and killed her.

In announcing the jury's verdict, U.S. Attorney Taylor praised Metropolitan Police Detectives James Broadbent and John Bevilaqua, who investigated the case. U.S. Attorney Taylor also praised Sergeant Sidney Paul and Officer Valkyrie Barnes, who were among the first responders and who provided critical evidence at trial. U.S. Attorney Taylor praised evidence technician Ridley Durham, who took photographs and gathered important evidence. U.S. Attorney Taylor praised Paralegals Debra Joyner and Marian Russell and Victim Witness Advocate Marcia Rinker, who provided critical support efforts. U.S. Attorney Taylor praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Jean Sexton, who initiated the investigation. Finally, U.S. Attorney Taylor praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Snyder, who led the investigation to indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Snyder and Jonathan Hooks, who tried the case to a successful verdict.

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